AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently amended) A method for enhancing the weight gain physical growth of preterm infants comprising administering to said infants a weight gain physical growth enhancing amount of DHA and ARA, wherein the weight gain physical growth enhancing amount comprises DHA in an amount of at least about 10 mg/100 kcal and ARA in an amount of at least about 30 mg/100 kcal, wherein the DHA and ARA are added into nutritional products or nutritional supplements for preterm infants.
- 2. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein the DHA and ARA are supplemented into preterm infant formula.
- 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the ratio of ARA:DHA is 1:2 to 5:1.
- 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the ratio of ARA:DHA is 1:1 to 3:1.
- 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the ratio of ARA:DHA is about 2:1.
- 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Canceled)
- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Canceled)

- 14. (Currently amended) An infant formula for enhancing the weight gain physical growth of preterm infants, the improvement comprising the inclusion in said preterm infant formula of a weight gain physical growth enhancing amount of DHA and ARA, wherein the weight gain physical growth enhancing amount comprises DHA in an amount of at least about 10 mg/100 kcal and ARA in an amount of at least about 30 mg/100 kcal.
- 15. (Previously presented) The infant formula of Claim 14 wherein the ratio of ARA:DHA is 1:2 to 5:1.
- 16. (Previously presented) The infant formula of Claim 14 wherein the ratio of ARA:DHA is 1:1 to 3:1.
- 17. (Previously presented) The infant formula of Claim 14 wherein the ratio of ARA:DHA is about 2:1.
- 18. (Canceled)
- 19. (Canceled)
- 20. (Canceled)
- 21. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the weight gain physical growth enhancing amount comprises DHA in an amount of from about 10 mg/100 kcal to about 50 mg/100 kcal and ARA in an amount of from about 30 mg/100 kcal to about 100 mg/100 kcal.
- 22. (Currently amended) The infant formula of Claim 14 wherein the weight gain physical growth enhancing amount comprises DHA in an amount of from about 10 mg/100 kcal to about 50 mg/100 kcal and ARA in an amount of from about 30 mg/100 kcal to about 100 mg/100 kcal.